

1. Name (Indicate preferred name)

Survey no. <sup>P6</sup> 68-4-12

historic Reibetanz House  
and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 4605 Oliver Street  
city, town Riverdale  
state Maryland

\_\_\_ not for publication  
\_\_\_ vicinity of congressional dist. 5  
county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture ___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in prog.	___ educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> priv. res.
___ site	Public Acquis.	Accessible	___ entertainment ___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restrict	___ government ___ scientific
	___ being consid.	___ yes: unrest.	___ industrial ___ transport.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applic.	___ no	___ military ___ other

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Jack I. Bond  
street & number 4606 Oliver Street  
city, town Riverdale

telephone no.: 864-8241  
state, zip code Maryland

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds etc. P.G.C. Courthouse  
street & number Main Street  
city, town Upper Marlboro

liber 4642  
folio 223  
state Md

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title  
date  
depository for survey records  
city, town

\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local  
state

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## 7. Description

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Condition	Check One		Check One
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

4605 Oliver Street is a one-and-one-half storey bungalow which stands on one-and-one half lot in the town of Riverdale. It is roughly square with a front porch stretching across the whole, north front facade. There are centered dormers in front and back with shed roofs. The main entrance is centrally located on the porch. The roof is gabled east-west and the porch roof is of shed style at a slightly lesser pitch than the main roof. This is a well preserved example of a typical well built bungalow from the early 1920's. The inlaid stripe in the wood floors of the main floor is a nice feature.

The roof is hipped with east and west full height gables. The front and the back part of the roof each have a dormer, the front one with a double window and the back one with two single windows. There is a break in the roof line as the porch roof has a shallower angle. The one storey side addition on the east has a hipped roof, which on the back (south) side forms a continuous roof with the lower part of the roof of the main house. The addition at the back of the house has a shed roof fit under the eave of the roof of the main house. The roof is sheathed by grey-brown shingles (probably asphalt). There are average size projecting eaves around the house.

The house and its additions are today clad in about four inch wide, horizontal aluminum siding which is moss green. All woodwork around windows, roof and porch is painted white. The foundation which is about three and one-half feet high is covered in grey stucco. A chimney runs along the east wall up through the frontal part of the roof.

An addition on the east side was originally a porch. There is also a small addition on the south-west side of the rear facade, which is today a back entrance to the kitchen.

The front porch has four square columns, equally spaced, holding up the front part of the roof. From the level of the top of the railing they are wooden with a slightly recessed panel on each face. The lower part of the columns are square and stuccoed. The wooden porch railing has straight, square spindles. The porch steps are concrete and the rail is wrought iron. Steps leading up to the porch are located on its east side. The owner believes that the steps were originally located across the front of the porch.

The windows are new but copies of the original. The upper pane is divided into six lights, three above three, while the lower pane is undivided. The front facade has a set of double windows on each side of the entrance door.

The interior floor plan of the main house consists of one large room across the front, north side. Along the west wall there are stairs leading to the second floor and centered in the east wall is a brick fireplace. Along the back on the east side is the dining room and on the west side the kitchen. I did not see the bedroom floor upstairs.

The wood floor is made of narrow, (possibly) oak boards with two narrow inlaid stripes of a darker wood encircling the dining room and the front room. The wood moldings around the doors are about four inch wide, simple and typical of the period. (See enclosed photograph).

There is a covered well in the garden, a former chicken coop/shed in the south-east corner of lot 11 and a gold fish pond in the front part of half lot 12.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance - Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeol.-prehist.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> comm. plann.	<input type="checkbox"/> landsc. arch.	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeol.-hist.	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> explor./settl.	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> /government	<input type="checkbox"/> other

Specific dates 1921 - 1923

Builder/Architect

Check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Reibetanz house is an excellent example of the Bungalow style, which became very popular in Riverdale around 1920. The house was built between 1921 and 1923 by Mr. Reibetanz who owned several properties in Riverdale. It is a very solidly built bungalow. It stands on a lot and a half, half a block east of the railroad along the original access road to the mansion.

The Town of Riverdale became known in 1889 as Riverdale Park, when the subdivision plat was recorded by the Riverdale Park Company. The new planned community with tree-lined streets was located on land previously called Riversdale Plantation, which had been owned by the Calvert family. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad cuts the community in half, which at the end of the 19th century meant a perfect location for a railroad suburb. Riverdale is about 7 miles from the center of the District of Columbia. The early houses were built in different vernacular Victorian styles, some with elaborate Queen Anne details. There were a few larger houses, while most were average sized. The bungalow style took over around 1920. Most houses were built of wood with clapboard siding, only a few were built of brick. The community included two churches, a school and a train station.

This house stands on two lots, 11 and 12 in block 50. Lot 12 was sold by the Riverdale Park Company to Luther B. Schulte or Sluts (name unreadable) on

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## 8. Significance (cont'd)

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October 1, 1986. (1) Lot 11 was sold by the Riverdale Park Company to Emil F. Reibetanz on December 12, 1916. (2) After purchasing lot 12, Reibetanz built a quite expensive bungalow on lot 11 between 1921 and 1923. (3) The assessed value was \$2,700 in the 1920-23 assessment book, which was very high, even if it included the chicken coop/shed, located against the back boundry and the boundry of lot 10. (4)

This bungalow is a very good example of the typical bungalow of the 1920's in Riverdale, and it has been well maintained and not much altered. There is an addition on the east side which was formerly a porch.

The house looks somewhat like house no. 225 in MAIL ORDER HOUSES, SEARS ROEBUCK AND COMPANY, in the floor plan except for the porches in the back. The house has only one an enclosed kitchen porch. The dormer is larger in the catalogue and the porch roof line is also different. (5)

### Notes:

1. Owner's photo-copy of folio 40, liber 125. P.G. County deed.
2. Owner's photo-copy of folio 38, liber J.W.B. P.G. County deed.
3. 1920-1923 Assessment Book for District 19, P.G. County.
4. Sanborn Insurance Co. map of Riverdale, dated 1924.
5. Photo-copy of house no. 225 of MAIL ORDER HOUSES, SEARS ROEBUCK AND COMPANY

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Chain of Title enclosed.

Notes under Item #8

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of nominated property** 13,500 sq.ft., lot 11 and half lot 12, block 50, Riverdale.

**Quadrangle name** Washington East Section B

**Quadrangle scale**

**Verbal boundry description and justification**

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries.**

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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<b>name/title</b> Lena Gill, Master of Architecture Candidate, Catholic University	<b>date</b> March 28, 1990
<b>organization</b> George Washington University	<b>telephone</b> 965-2327
<b>street &amp; number</b>	<b>state</b> D.C.
<b>city or town</b> Washington	

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This form is a copy of the Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form. It is not identical as it has no heading and the UTM references have been removed from item 10. This copy is prepared by Lena Gill.

4605 Oliver or Washington Street, Riverdale Park, Lot 11 with half lot 12,  
Block 50

Present owner: Jack I. and Janet M. Bond

Liber 4842, Folio 223, 19, 04760-00-000

1924 Sanborn Insurance Co. Map shows Lots 11 and 12 in one parcel with a  
house on Lot 11. There was an outhouse flush against back boundry line of  
Lot 11 and the side boundry line of Lot 12.

The house was built by Emil F. Reibetanz between 1920 and 1923 on lot 11.  
He also owned lot 12. The house was assessed at \$2,700 and the lots at \$400  
each. Reibetanz was a builder and investor who owned several lots and  
houses around Riverdale.

#### CHAIN OF TITLE

4842:223	Lillian T. Blash, who died the same year, through her
19 Oct. 1977	representative Harold W. Lewis to Jack I. and Janet M.
Deed	Bond. Recorded as Lot 11 and westerly half of lot 12 in Block 50 according to Plat Book JWB 5, plat 475 and rerecorded in Plat Book A, plat 42.
1707:107	Edward M. and Marguerite R. Fowler to John and Lillian T.
5 March, 1954	Blash. Recorded as Lot 11 and westerly half of lot 12,
Deed	Block 50. Deed of Trust in the amount of \$7,000.
723:121	Citizens Bank of Riverdale to Edward M. and Marguerite
17 Jan., 1944	R. Fowler. Recorded as Lots 11 and 12, Block 50.

The bank could have received the property through foreclosure or through a will etc. which makes it very difficult to continue the chain. Lot 11 was sold in period 1916-1919 by Riverdale Park Company (assessment book). The below information was provided by some very old photo-copies provided by present owner, Mrs. Janet Bond, who received them upon purchase of the property.

125: 40	Riverdale Park Co. to Emil F. Reibetanz. Recorded as Lot
12 Dec., 1916	11, Block 50.
Deed	

JWB: 38	Riverdale Park Co. to Luther B Schulte or Sluts (copy
1 Oct., 1896	nearly unreadable). Recorded as Lot 12, Bl. 50.
Deed	

I have not had enough time to go back to Upper Marlboro and search upwards for deeds.